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For: VARIABLE BIT RATE DIGITAL CIRCUIT MULTIPLICATION EQUIPMENT
WITH TANDEM PASSTHROUGH FUNCTION

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of 60 pages
- 15 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings
- An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration Original Photocopy
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
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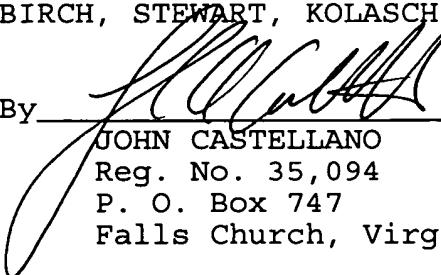
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